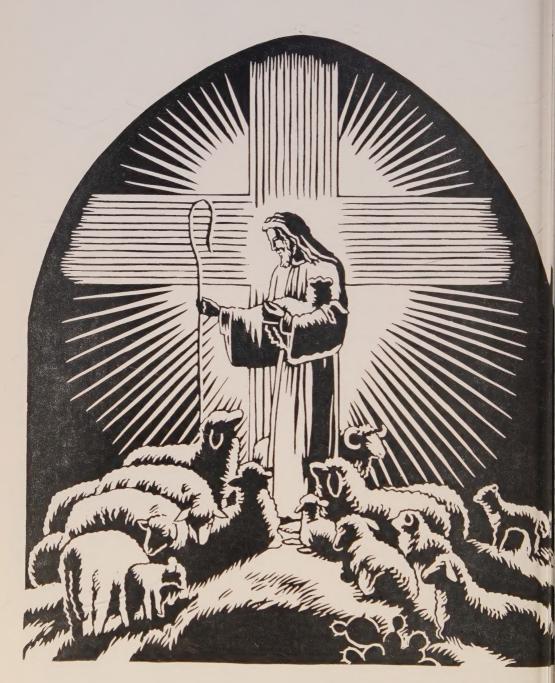
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The Triumph Of The Cross

HE Emperor Constantine, at the urgency of his mother Helena erected eat churches at Mount Calvary over the ly places of the crucifixion and the burial our Lord. And what remaineth of these ifices, after several destructions and reildings, is now to be found incorporate in latter-day Church of the Holy Sepulchre. it the shrines originally built by Constane and Helena were dedicated in September the year 335. And yearly thereafter the ics of the true Cross, which had been covered during the excavations made for eir foundations, were lifted up for veneran by the faithful during the dedication tival until the year 614. At that time King nosroés of Persia, after a cruel invasion of cypt and the Holy Land, took Jerusalem, perein were then several thousands of ristians. Many of these he massacred, and e rest of them, with their Patriarch Zacry, he carried into slavery. In the sack of Holy City he destroyed more than 300 igious buildings, among which were the y places at Mount Calvary. The Cross of · Lord, since the time of its enshrinement the latter place by Saint Helena, had been ch reduced by constant pious distribuas, but what remained thereof, in its

jewelled reliquary, was also carried into Persia. Now Heraclius, who became Emperor shortly after this descration, was so vexed by divers wars and calamities that he twice sought peace of Chosroës. But the latter, drunken with conquest, would not allow it to him even on unfair terms; some say, not unless he denied the Crucified. Wherefore Heraclius, being set in this uttermost strait, sought help from God, and began a holy war, as it were, under the standard of the Cross.

"In 627, after a long contest, Heraclius vanguished the might of the Persian Host. Broken by these defeats, Chosroës fled, and then proclaimed his son Medarses partner in his kingdom. But his eldest son Siroës took insult to this, and formed a plot to murder his father and brother, which plot he brought to effect soon after they had come home. Later he got the kingdom from Heraclius upon certain terms, whereof the first was that he should give back the Cross of the Lord Christ, and set the captives free. The Cross therefore was received back, after having been fourteen years in the hands of the Persians. So it was that as soon as he could, Heraclius came to Jerusalem, and bore it with solemn pomp unto the Mount whereunto the Saviour had borne it. But it is said that the Emperor was stayed perforce at the gateway which leadeth unto Mount Calvary, and that the harder he strove to go forward, the harder he seemed to be held back, where at all who stood by were sore amazed. Whereupon Zachary said that the Cross should not be carried by one attired as a conqueror, for thereby too little was shown of the poverty and lowliness of Christ Jesus. Then Heraclius cast away his princely raiment and put off his shoes from his feet, and in the garb of a poor man easily finished his journey to the place of Calvary. Thus was the holy Cross restored to its former place by the grace of the God of victory. And thenceforth, in memory thereof, this Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross hath been wont to be yearly celebrated in memory of all the graces which Christian folk have had from the Cross of our redemption.

"On this same day, in 1241, Saint King Louis of France brought in solemn procession to Paris, together with other instruments of the Passion, a portion of the Lord's Cross which had been retained in Syria as a pledge of the Knights Templar, and which he had received from the Emperor Baldwin, with other considerable portions, from which

some fragments had been wont to be given by the Emperors to the Church and to the friends. And that holy king gave a brigger example of Christian piety, when, his rown robes cast off, and his feet unshod, he bound into the City of Paris the instrument where by the ransom of the world was paid. Last he built in the royal palace a magnificent church, called the Holy Chapel, wherein a preserve that most blessed Sign of our redemption."

The above reading consists of lessons iv, and vi from the Exaltation of the Holy Crofrom "The Anglican Breviary," Frank Gave Liturgical Foundation, Inc., Mount Sing Long Island, New York.

Thus, September 14 recalls a great Chritian victory. But we know that the Cresce and the Red Star look down now on the land of the old time success. Although they may have a long period of power before them yowho really expects them to have permanent possession? We can wait—and work.

But lastingly more important, more than earthly conquests, is the lifting up our own personal crosses to make them r merely facts to which we are resigned, I ways of sharing the atoning, triumphing LI of Christ now, minute by minute.

Rubrics Made Easy

BY SYDNEY ATKINSON, O.H.C.

Rubrics can be a lot of fun, but they can also be irritating. You can make a kind of game out of them to see who is going to win out—you or the rubrics. Remember the old saying which was bandied around a good deal at the time of the Reformation and even got into the preface of the Church of England Prayer Book, referring to the Pie (or Ordo): it is easier to read what is to be said than it is to find out what has to be read! Definitely the worst hazard is to give more concern and attention to rubrics than to God. After all, He is the centre of our worship; the mechanics of worship should take a back place. On the other hand, care and due order ought to foster a true spirit of worship. Unfortunately, there have been some pretty

fierce battles fought over rubrics and not of them have been edifying by any matter means. That is why I say they can be funam sure St. Francis treated them that wand with all our heritage of traditions a customs, one does need a sense of humor dealing with rubrics.

Diversity

We must remember that we have a lead history of worship stemming from many a and climes; so we ought not to be surprisonable when we find ourselves in something of hodge-podge of uses and rites. Just consider the two main divisions of the Church was a lead to be surprisonable to be sur

st and West. We belong mainly to the estern branch liturgically speaking, alugh we have inherited (or sometimes esciously borrowed) a few items from the t.

The Western Church itself has preserved onglomeration of all sorts of rites and remonies. Let us never think that the unimity which we see in the modern Roman he or which we seem to seek in our various tions of the Anglican Communion is very . A frantic emphasis on rigid uniformity rusually indicative of an underlying fear. tness the efforts of Antiochus (IV) Epimes to enforce a uniform religious observe throughout his empire, even upon the notheistic Jews, which gave rise to the accabean revolt. During the Reformation riod, the same sort of phenomenon is to be n. With the rise of nationalism and indeident states, petty princes sought uniform-It shows up under the Tudors in Engd with their Acts of Uniformity, although ore that almost each diocese had its own and oddities.

On the continent, Charles V, the Holyman Emperor, faced with both national I religious wars, tried to get everybody to the same thing in matters religious. Later, en he abdicated and went into retirement Yuste in Estramadura, one of the hobbies dallied in was clock-making. Somebody remarked that it might have been better the history of Europe if Charles had tried ping a bunch of clocks in time before trythe same on people!

The Counter-Reformation, greatly helped the militaristic zeal of the Jesuits, also d to impose a new-found uniformity on Roman Catholic Church. Thus the Ro-Rite became obligatory throughout the ater part of the Pope's jurisdiction, aligh many of the local diocesan uses were served in France until around 1870. We indeed be grateful for the scholarly zeal Dom Prosper Gueranger, the modern nder of St. Peter's Abbey at Solesmes, turgical research, but his advocacy of the pression of all but the Roman Rite is stionable. Actually there are still many s allowed within the Roman obedience. nd there is another cause for bewilderment on the part of some who try to follow the Order of the Holy Cross's Ordo. So often they find the Missal says one thing in its rubrics and we come along with something else in our Ordo. Well, there is a bit of background to this.

At the time of the Reformation in England, there was a great effort made towards the simplification of the services so that lay people could take part in them. Thus the ancient eight Offices of the breviary—the Night Office (also called Nocturns or Mattins), Lauds (also sometimes called Mattins), Prime, Terce, Sext, None, Vespers and Compline — were reduced to two — Morning and Evening Prayer (also termed Mattins and Evensong). In both the Mass and the Office, many embellishments, such as antiphons and hymns, were deleted. Actual'y, as we shall see, this had ancient precedent. Of course, the services contained in the Book of Common Prayer were just for that purpose, i.e., common or public worship. When the monastic revival of the last century took place, naturally the need was felt for a fuller scheme of worship and soon there appeared English translations of various Office Books. In England several were based upon the old Sarum rite. Others have been based on what is called the Roman secular Office, i.e., the Office which is required to be recited by priests who are not affiliated with any particular religious order. The Order of the Holy Cross, the Community of St. Mary, the Order of St. Helena, and many other communities in both America and England have adopted the Monastic Diurnal. This is an English translation of the Benedictine Day Office, edited by the late Canon Winfred Douglas, which he brought out in 1932. As is usual in such books, Fr. Douglas adapted the text and the calendar to follow Anglican usage. Of course, this in itself leads to some confusion, or, at least, to careful maneuvering. For instance, where there is a divergence, he provides the old Benedictine collect, the American Episcopal collect, and the English Anglican collect, for any one day. Except for our Anglican Benedictines, who just accept the whole Benedictine rite verbatim, most Anglican orders have made such adaptations or adjustments. On

looking over the Ordo of any one community, you will find usages that are peculiar to that community alone.

Then, too, the Benedictine or Monastic rite differs from the Roman Rite, mainly in the Office and in the Calendar. For instance, in our various Missals, which for the most part art paterned after the Roman Missal (except, of course, for the material from the Book of Common Prayer), in Lent lesser double feasts are celebrated with only a commemoration of the feria. In the monastic use, it is just the other way about: the rite of the Lenten feria is celebrated with a commemoration of the feast. This latter is the more ancient and, as we shall see below, it has been given greater attention in the recent Roman reforms.

This rather lengthy pre-amble will, I hope, show why we have such diversity in our various rites and ceremonials and why, in particular, our Holy Cross Ordo contains certain items. Our liturgical roots are to be found in ancient Catholic practice, reformed Anglicanism, American Episcopalianism, Benedictine monasticism, and, indeed, some modern Romanism!

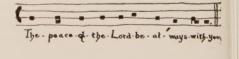
Superstructure

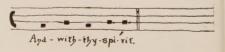
Now to get to what has been called (most inaptly) the simplification of the rubrics. Certainly there has long been felt a desire and need for a simplification of the Western Church's services. Throughout the ages a great deal of what has been called "superstructure" accumulated in the Mass, Office and Calendar.

Just to take the Office, for example. The basic structure is the recitation of the psalter, Bible readings, and prayers. Of the last, the Lord's Prayer and the Collect have been historically the two main items. Originally the psalms were started right at the beginning of the Office (as is still found in Tenebrae and the Office of the Dead), but gradually various "devotional preludes" were added. For instance, it is thought by some that the 51st Psalm may have been recited in procession on the way to chapel. Verse 15, "Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord, and my

mouth shall shew (forth) thy praise," obv ously made a fitting entrance into choir an was later adopted as an opening versicle an response with which to begin Mattins. This of course, has been retained in our Praye Book Offices of Morning and Evening Pray er. There may have been a similar connect tion between the first verse of Psalm 70 "Haste thee, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O Lord," and the openin phrases of Lauds and the other Hours: "6 God, make speed to save me. O Lord, make haste to help me." These opening versicle have been retained in the Prayer Book Of ices of other Churches in the Anglica Communion (in the plural form, ". . . . saw us. . . . help us"), although they have been dropped from the American book. Later other accretions, in the form of respond antiphons and hymns, found their way int the breviary Offices too.

Also, as liturgical piety developed an many of the monastic orders spent more an more time in chapel, extra Offices were add ed. Not only was the Office of the Day r cited, but also the Little Office of Our Lad the Office of the Dead, the Office of A. Saints, etc. This has produced a curion switch in terminology. In early times on big feast, which would have twelve lesson at Mattins (nine in the secular Office), onn the Office of the Day would be recited; then fore, this would be known as a "simple" fear If, on the other hand, it were only a feria lesser feast, other Offices might also be n cited. Since you could then have two Offic on the same day, it would be known as "double." Nowadays, these two words ha just the opposite meaning and they are no applied to the antiphons. A feria or simp





rst ranks very low indeed and only part of antiphon is said before each psalm and nticle at Mattins, Lauds and Vespers. A luble is now a big feast and in its rite the dtiphon is said in full, i.e., "doubled," bere the psalms at these Offices. If you look modern breviaries you can still find these tra Offices or relics of them. Some active mmunities are required to say only the ttle Office of Our Lady and the Saturday St. Mary still finds place in Missals and reviaries. The Suffrage of All Saints is a stigial structure going back to the Office of I Saints and, likewise, the Commemoration the Cross to an Office of the Holy Cross nich was said in Eastertide. The final sentce, "May the souls of the faithful . . . " is appendix added to the Office of the Day. hich has its ancestry in the Office of the lead. All these extra Offices, while they ay have been evidences of piety, certainly cumbered and overloaded the majestic nplicity of the original schema.

Another feature which has blurred the road outlines of the Office and Calendar has een the multiplication of saints and feasts. he *Opus Dei* ("God's Work," i.e., the daily ndering of the Mass and Office), as offered by by day through the Liturgical Year, was upposed to present before the eyes of the ithful worshipper God's mighty acts of remption: a dramatic presentation of the life

and work of the Incarnate Son from Advent to the Ascension, and of the coming and the in-living work of the Holy Ghost, beginning at Pentecost and going through Trinitytide. This was known as the temporal cycle, which included the major times or seasons of the liturgical year: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, etc. But this was constantly interrupted by the sanctoral cycle, a succession of feasts and octaves devoted to the saints and their doings. Originally, as we said above, one of the main objects of the Office was to recite the psalter; and all the psalms from 1 to 150 were supposed to be completed every week. But, as things developed, a feast would intervene and the "festal" psalms (usually those of Sunday) would be recited in place of those assigned for the day of the week in question. If the feast had an octave, then the Office of the feast would be recited daily for eight days and so a whole week would be lost from the temporal cycle. Lent, one of the main seasons of the Church's year, was always getting broken up, for instance. However, we showed above, this was less true in the monastic tradition than in the secular Office, because only double feasts of the 1st or 2nd class could supersede a day in Lent according to the monastic use.

— To be continued —

Unto The Altar Of God

BY ESTHER H. DAVIS

Heirs Through Hope

Thou hast not made us for this life alone, it to enjoy eternity with Thee. We stand on the threshold even now, tip-toe with gerness and awed by the glimpses we have d of Thine everlasting kingdom. Daily we arch the horizon for new views, but we mot look too long for the radiance would not our earthly vision. We are surrounded it, but our souls are insulated by the physland material. Nevertheless, the bright-

ness streams through all the cracks and crevices in dazzling rays, and while we cannot even imagine its real nature, we know from them that it is golden, pure and glorious.

Our eyes and ears can neither see nor hear, save through a glass but darkly, and our hearts cannot conceive, but formlessly, the things Thou hast created for our joy. Yet we have intimations even here. Thou dost attract us in so many ways and hast im-

planted deep within our hearts emotions which we know must be abiding. This love we have, in large or small degree, for Thee and for each other, although imperfect and inadequate, Thou wilt allow to grow and be developed, not ruthlessly destroy.

Hope tells us that we have within our hands the materials of which Paradise is made and that in part we can experience it now. First, we have life. We move and breathe, and most important we have awareness and perception. Having given us life, Thou wouldst not take it from us. We know that Heaven will be a continuation of life, more glorious and complete, with fuller knowledge, increased consciousness, broader comprehension, and an opportunity to grow to the limits of our capabilities, which with Thee means to perfection.

Colors unimagined and music never heard shall be revealed. Our earthbound eyes shall see new landscapes, mountains with unsuspected heights, perspective undreamed of and unguessed. And in some strange dimension shall we wander with unobstructed freedom. Our bodies will be transfigured like unto that of our Risen Lord. So shall we be provided with perfect vehicles to serve us and to further the expansion of our souls.

Thy will is done in Heaven and how different it must be! There goodness has no bonds to chain her fast. Friendships are purified, freed from the earthly taints of self-

interest, suspicion and distrust. Thy love all lows no fear, sin cannot there exist, and sorrow is unknown. In perfect harmony Thichildren dwell, with no dissenting tone. A voices are united, raised in one mighty an them, praising Thee.

These are some of the glories to which w are the heirs, yet they are but the fringe Thy domain. They are the framework, as i were, in which we shall exist. Though w are powerless to fill in the details, so far de they exceed our present knowledge and un derstanding, we still are awed by the limit less possibilities Hope presents. We are content to leave them all with Thee. Our great est blessing and delight, we know, will b communion with our Father and our Goo We have a foretaste of that bliss each time we receive Thee and for a fleeting momen: are lifted out of ourselves to be lost in Thl love. Many are the distractions and interruptions that separate us and all too oftewe follow lesser calls when we should b seeking Thee. And yet, imperfect though be, it is this union that brings our only last ing hapiness and contentment for our soul In Thine everlasting kingdom it shall have full flowering, perfect and complete. So de we daily strive to become worthy of thir privilege and wait serenely, constantly as sured by Hope, the time when we shall loom upon Thy face.



Did The Church Of England Change Its Mind?

BY H. M. BARRATT

To the casual observer the history of rerionship between the Anglican Communion d the Church of South India has presented baffling question. How is it that in 1950 e Church of England could recognize only e Orders of the ex-Anglican clergy in the S.I. but in 1955 recognized all episcopally nsecrated or ordained clergy and estabhed relations of communion with all memrs of the C.S.I. except with the noniscopally ordained clergy? What had ppened between 1950 and 1955 so impornt that not only did the Church of England tablish re'ationship with the C.S.I. but ree other branches of the Anglican Commnion (Scottish, Welsh and Irish) followed it? (The Church of India, Burma, and evlon had recognized the C.S.I. ex-Anglin clergy in 1950 and permitted their celeation of Holy Communion in Anglican nurches under limited circumstances.)

A brief survey of some events from 1919 and a few quotations from the United eports of the Joint Committees of the Concations of Canterbury and York (the hurch of England equivalent of our General onvention) will provide the answers.

Between the first inception of the Church f South India in 1919 and its inauguration s a church in 1947 its scheme of Union was wice revised. That this revision was not enrely satisfactory to Anglicans is indicated v the fact that in 1946 the Archbishop of canterbury appointed a committe of theoogians, known as the "Derby Committee," consider the orthodoxy of the C.S.I. In 948 the Lambeth Conference met. The Dery Committee reported to the Conference nat there were six points in the Constitution nd Scheme of Union of the C.S.I. that in ne interest of orthodoxy should be amended r clarified and Lambeth expressed the hope nat the statements involved might be recon-

sidered. However on the status of bishops, presbyters and deacons episcopally consecrated or ordained since the inauguration of the C.S.I., no agreement could be achieved satisfactory to all. A majority felt that these clergy could be recognized as true bishops, priests and deacons and emphasized that the C.S.I. was in process of development and that Anglican Churches could be in communion with a church "without being in complete and detailed agreement in respect to all points of doctrine;" a substantial minority felt that a wholly novel doctrine of the ministry was involved and could not recognize the episcopally consecrated and ordained clergy as true bishops, priests and deacons. Therefore the only action of Lambeth 1948 was to recommend the conditions according to which the ex-Anglican clergy and laity could respectively celebrate or receive Holy Communion in the Anglican Churches.

In 1950 the Convocations of Canterbury and York met. They had before them the Reply of the C.S.I. to the Derby Committee which had not been received when Lambeth met in 1948. To the questions and suggestions dealing with the Creeds, Sacraments and Scriptures the Reply presented "satisfactory clarification on important points"—but those dealing with the Ministry and the relation to the parent churches "required somewhat fuller consideration."

Two quotations from the Reply indicate the conviction of the C.S.I. as to the faith.

"The C.S.I. is part of the one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, confessing the historic faith of the Church and seeking to proclaim that faith throughout South India. We have not departed and, God helping us, we shall not depart from that faith."

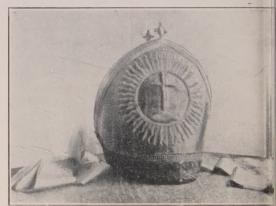
The second quotation relates to the frequently quoted footnote in the Basis of Union concerning the liberty of interpretation of the Creeds.

"We are however prepared to state categorically as suggested in the Derby Report that the liberty of interpretation which we desire to safeguard is not intended to extend to any denial of the substance of the historic faith of the Church."

The parts of the Reply dealing with the ministry and the relation with parent churches were however little more than reaffirmations that the irreconcilable principles of a wholly episcopally ordered ministry and intercommunion with the parent churches could only be reconciled "when the parent churches now divided are united" and would continue as an anomaly until that time. Consequently there occurred in the Convocation of 1950 the same result that had occurred in Lambeth in 1948. A majority subscribed to the opinion that the episcopally ordered clergy of the C.S.I. were true bishops, priests and deacons, while a substantial minority could not yet pass judgment on their precise status and the Convocations in deference to this minority merely implemented the recommendations of Lambeth with regard to ex-Anglican clergy and postponed decision on further action for five years or until 1955.

When the Convocations met in 1955 their Joint Committees reported many developments in the C.S.I. of a reassuring character based on the testimony of the Bishop of Malmesbury (who had visited the C.S.I. in the interim), on the views of Bishop Hollis, recently Moderator of the C.S.I., on "increasing visits and personal contacts" and on "notable contributions to theological literature." Says the Report:

"We cannot doubt that the Church of South India has grown in its inner unity and cohesion, and in its sacramental life. There has been a growing appreciation of the office of the bishop in the Church of God, as a bond of continuity and unity; a continuous spread of liturgical worship, as expressed for example in the Services issued by the Synod for Holy Communion, Baptism and Confirmation, and a growing use of the rite of Confirmation administered by the bishop. In this last matter there is evidence that an institution which is not made obligatory in the Constitution of the Church of South India has been winning its way, in circles where it had been unfamiliar, in virtue of its inherent truth and appeal."



BISHOP SEABURY'S MITRE (Kept by Trinity College; Hartford)

Consideration was given to the important of the fact that "For the first time since the great division of Christendom into Catholo and Protestant Churches an act of reunicibetween those two traditions has happened and that for the first time since the Reformation, Protestant groups had incorporate the historic Episcopate into their church life

As for the problem posed by intercommonion of the C.S.I. with its non-episcopal ordered parent churches, it was apparent felt to be a matter of insuperable difficult and it is described thus.

"It is an anomaly of which the cure lies only in the unification of the Church of God in every part of the world, not least in England The goal which must always be before us in the restoration of unity, not only to these churches but to the whole Church of Christ."

Concerning the acceptance of non-episc pal ministers into the C.S.I., the Report or acknowledging the difficulty involved, is that

"... the relatively infrequent admistions of such ministers can now be seen not to override the undeviating adherence of the Church of South India to episcopal consecration and ordination lyithin itself or its express purpose of maying a unified ministry."

"resumably basing its argument on the deopments in the C.S.I. above cited, the port continues:

"Whatever may be thought of the unisatisfactory character of this anomaly, we do not think that its existence affects the grounds for a judgment concerning the valid intention, in its episcopal consecrations and ordinations. In the words of Bishop John Wordsworth,

'The 'Sacrament of Order' requires laying-on of hands, with prayer suitable to the office conferred, and with a genreral intention of making a man what the Church intends as a bishop, priest or deacon. We hold that such an ordination conferred by a Bishop, as sole or chief minister, who has been himself so ordained, even if he is a heretic, is valid and cannot be reiterated without sacrilege." (Ordination Problems pp. 10, 11) A stricter requirement than this in the matter of intention would be contrary to the main theological tradition of Western Christendom and might involve difficulty concerning earlier ordinations in history.

"For these reasons we consider that there are now no longer grounds for hesitancy in accepting as valid in intention the consecrations and ordinations of the Church of South India."

Thus in 1955 the Church of England cognized the bishops, presbyters and deams of the C.S.I. as "true bishops, priests d deacons of the Church of God," and immemented the Resolution with subordinate attements outlining the conditions of partial tercommunion that could be permitted.

So the Gordian knot was cut. The epispally consecrated and ordained ministry ly was recognized. Full intercommunion

was far from being established when only one part (though the larger part) of the C.S.I. ministry was recognized. However as much fellowship was set forth as appeared consistent with both Anglican and C.S.I. principles. The C.S.I. was not cut off from Anglican influence nor Anglicans cut off from this first awkward and in some ways seemingly inept effort at unity through Episcopacy.

An early paragraph by the Rev. Dr. Eric L. Mascall in his pamphlet "The Convocations and the Church of South India" reviews from the Catholic point of view the work of the Convocations of 1955 as follows:

"The appeal to purely human authority is, as St. Thomas Aguinas remarks, the weakest kind of argument, but it would be surprising nevertheless if persons such as the Bishops of Durham, Exeter, and Malmesbury, Canon E. W. Kemp, the Rev. Michael Bruce, the Rev. Harold Riley, the Rev. L. M. S. du Toit, and the Superior of the Community of the Resurrection, Father Raynes, all of whom were members of the Joint Committee, had allowed themselves to be bamboozled into signing a Report which implicitly repudiated the Catholicity of the Church of England, or even if, as one writer has suggested, the Anglo-Catholics in the Convocations had almost unanimously come to see that their former judgment about the C.S.I. was wrong and had been forced to change their mind. Insofar as there has been a change of attitude, it has been due not to any change in the views of Anglo-Catholics but to very considerable changes in the C.S.I. itself, changes which in all probability would not have occurred at all had it not been for the earlier misgivings and protests of Anglo-Catholics."

Thus changes in the C.S.I. between the years 1950-1955, viewed by Catholic theologians in England as "very considerable," account for the recognition in 1955 of the Episcopally ordained ministry of the C.S.I. by the Church of England which recognition was subsequently followed in 1956 by the Reso-

lutions of the Church in Scotland and those of the Church of Ireland and of 1957 by the Resolutions of the Church in Wales.

In conclusion it might be well to add that, while the Catholic theologians of the Church of England recognized the Episcopal Orders of South India as "true" and cooperated in establishing a degree of intercommunion with its members, this should not be interpreted as implying a belief on their part that the South India Scheme for reunion is a good one or one worthy of repetition in the future or even one that should have been adopted anywhere in the first place.

However the Church of South India was a fait accompli and as it involved Episcopal Orders of Anglican derivation as well as the status of former Anglicans residing in South India the problem it presented had to be met by the Churches of the Anglican Communion.

The Resolutions recommended by our Joint Commission for adoption by General Convention this October point a way of deal. ing with the problem here. The Resolution of the Church in Scotland show how the problem has been met there. The Scottisk Resolutions in contrast to our Resolutions present a completely consistent approach to the problem, being based unequivocally or the principle of Episcopacy (see the Holl Cross Magazine, May 1958). It is to bl earnestly hoped that when our Resolution come before the General Convention in Oct tober, they will be amended, so as to conform without deviation or exception to the pring ciple of Episcopacy both for the sake of our own integrity and lovalty to principle a. well as for the strengthening of the principle of Episcopacy in the minds of our fellow Christians in South India.

My Prayer Book Alphabet

BY JEANNE L. STARK



stands for my Angel comrade, Ever staying by my side, Praying, caring, watching o'er me, Angel guardian and guide,

Stands for Baptismal birth when
Water at the Font poured thrice
Washes souls clean from all sin-stain,
Grafts them to the Life of Christ.

stands for our Confirmation,
Which the Bible true commands,
Bishops give the Holy Spirit
By the Laying-on-of-Hands.

stands for the Decalogue. We
Keep and honor it because
It is made of Ten Commandments,
God's most wise and sacred laws.

stands for the Eucharist, our Souls' most wondrous, precious Food. Bread and Wine, Holy Communion, Is Christ's Body and His Blood. F

stands for the Christian Faith so Clearly stated in the Creeds To teach us about Christ Jesus, Perfect are His words and deeds.

G

stands for our God eternal, Maker, Saviour, Guide and Friend, King of Kings, without beginning, Exerlasting, without end.

H

stands for God's House of Worship, Let each Sunday find you there, Kneel before His Altar-throne and Show your love through praise and prayer.

I

stands for the Incarnation, When our God first became Man As the Blessed Virgin Mary Humbly said "Yes" to God's plan,

stands for no Name but Jesus, Heads should bow to praise His Name. Though we hurt His heart by sinning, Yet His love is e'er the same.

K

stands for our heavenly Kingdom. Here on earth its peace and joy Now unfold within the heart of Every Christian girl and boy. stands for the blessed Lord's Prayer, And each treasured thought and word Jesus taught the Twelve Apostles, Learn from Him, pray like our Lord.

stands for true Matrimony, God joins husband unto wife Evermore to be one family. Holy Marriage lasts for life.

stands for Nativity on
That first, wondrous Christmas Day,
With the new-born Baby sleeping
In His manger-bed of hay.

stands for three holy Orders By which men are set aside: Deacons first; then priests come next; while Bishops over-see and guide.

stands for forgiving Penance. Owning-up through God's own priest; Humbly hear God's Words of Pardon, Know your sins then are released.

stands for the Queen of All Saints, Mary, favored of the Lord. Fairest Mother, purest Virgin, Through your Son grace was restored.

stands for the Resurrection.
Easter Morning's glorious tale:
Christ rose from the dead in splendor,
Hail, our Living King, all hail!

stands for the Holy Spirit, Who directs us from above, Holy Ghost, the Sanctifier. Source of wisdom, strength and love.

stands for the Trinity in Great and glorious Mystery! Father, Son and Holy Spirit, God is One in Persons Three. stands for restoring Unction,
For the sick with oil that's blest,
Praying God will heal the illness,
Knowing God will grant souls rest.

stands for triumphant Victory,
Christian Soldiers in the fight
Against self, the world, the devil,
Furn to God and ask His might.

stands for God's Divine Word
Written in our Bible true,
Search the Scriptures for God's message,
Hear, read, mark, learn through and through.

stands for the Cross of Jesus,
Where our loving Saviour died
To redeem and save each sinner,
God the Son was crucified.

stands for the Christian Church Year,
Calender of great events.
Follow, truth by truth, each Season,
This forgetfulness prevents.

stands for the Zeal most fervent
With which I must always pray
To our loving Heavenly Father,
Without failure every day.

Praise God for His Church, our Mother, Keeper of these truths and ways, Catholic and Apostolic, I'll be true to her always.

Glory be to God the Father, God the Spirit, God the Son, Honor, laud and praise we give Thee While eternal ages run.

AMEN.

These verses may be sung to Hymn 241, Hymnal 1940. We offer them for the Sunday schools of the Church as worthy of a place in the curriculum. We suggest that they be lettered on large cards for classrooms and that a few stanzas be sung at each session. This is "content material," not unneeded! The initials might well be made symbolic as we have done with the first one.



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The Holy Rosary - I

BY FRANKLIN JOINER, O.M.C.

I have always thought that it must be a great satisfaction to play the piano or some other musical instrument, not only for the knowledge of the particular instrument that it engenders, nor for the pleasure that the player is able to give to others, but simply for the personal grat.fication that it must give to the player himself. One can always fit the music to his mood and to his spirit. If he is sad, he can express his sorrow to his own satisfaction in the choice of his music; if he is gay, again he can so adequately express himself with his playing; if he is in a meditative mood, he has a wide choice of music with which to express his meditation, and if he is overcome with some strange wave of nostalgia, again there is a volume of music to satisfy his soul. Then again, if one wants to change his mood and his spirit, he must be able to do so by modulating his music from one type to another, gradually lifting his depression to joy, his loneliness to a sense of company and companionship, his feeling of gratefulness up to God, who is the giver of all good things. Alas, I do not play upon any musical instrument, and it is not likely now that I ever shall, so the art of music will never give me this long desired and often contemplated means of expressing my inner spirit or controlling my fluctating moods.

But I am very thankful that I have found a substitute, a most excellent substitute, one that is beter than playing a musical instrument, for expressing my inner spirit and controlling my fluctuating moods, and that is the Holy Rosary. To play upon the Beads is more gratifying than playing the piano, to mediate upon the revealed facts of our redemption is more uplifting to the soul, and to move from Mystery to Mystery is more influential in one's spirit than moving from one musical composition to another. Music touches the sensual and esthetic spirit of man, while the historic facts in the life of our Blessed Lord and his holy Mother affect the

more "spiritual" spirit of the Christian mand woman.

Ther are 15 Mysteries in the Holy Rosan

or as Father Palmer of the Society of John the Evangelist likes to emphasize, Facts. Why 15 Mysteries or 15 Facts we not know. Maybe the 15 was copied from the 15 Psalms of Ascent which the ancient Je recited as he approached Mount Zion in Jer. salem, just as the 150 Ave Maria's of t Holy Rosary may have a correspondence: 150 Psalms of the Psalter. The first set Mysteries or Facts are known as JOYFU! they set forth the Infancy of our Blessi Lord, and relate chiefly to the Incarnate a: the hidden years of his early life among me The first of the Facts is the Annunciation when S. Gabriel, the Angel sent from Go lays before S. Mary the vocation of the J vine Motherhood. "Behold the handmaid: the Lord," is the answer that all should man as God presents him with his vocation. Evo Baptized Christian has his vocation: he l heen called of God to be God's child; it m seem to have come about by natural as casual courses, but not so, God is behind and beneath it and all around it. S. Paul to us we are to "walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called." We do this partaking of the grace that God gives us this very purpose. We maintain our voc tion not through any merits of our own, 1 by the grace which God gives, and which use for a worthy walking. Just as S. M. was "called" of God to do a specific piece work for the establishment of the Kingdd so have we been "called" for a specific pil of work in the same establishment. WI you are discouraged and depressed, take y Rosary, find this Mystery of the Annung tion, and meditate upon it, and consider Mary's reaction to her "call," and consi how she continued in God's grace until life's end. Recall S. Augustine's astute servation: "S. Mary is exalted to her right ce in Heaven, not because she bore our rd Jesus Christ in her womb, but because bore him so perfectly in her heart." You I I and every other Christian can do that playing upon an instrument of musical give you that assurance, but meditating on the First of the Joyful Mysteries will!

The second Joyful Mystery is the Fact of . Visitation of S. Mary to her cousin S. 'isabeth. This was not only the first prossion of the "Body of Christ," it was also · first missionary journey of the Christian spel, for S. Mary hastened to her cousin, t to boast of her high vocation, but to share th S. Elisabeth the joyful tidings that the essiah was come. So S. Mary sets us the st example of a Catholic missionary; the spel is for all people. How easy it would ve been for Our Lady to have kept this lowledge of her high vocation as a secret her heart until the outward circumstances ould reveal it publicly. No, no sooner es she have the good news from God than must be shared; not thinking of herself, it only of Him whose humble mother she Is been chosen to be. We are so selfish; e are so self-centered; we are so satisfied id smug with the Christian blessings that od has showered upon us. We are pleased ith ourselves for what we are and for what e have. We are proud of our possessions, our worship, of our corporate unity in the ith and its expression, and we are content luxuriate in this environment. True, God as given us these things for our personal piritual advancement, but the intention of lis gift does not end there. He has given us iese good things that we may have the furner spiritual blessing that comes from sharig them with others. Have we any of Our ady's missionary zeal? Are we bringing ew members into our Parish? Are we inning new souls to the Catholic Faith? he followers of Moral Rearmament have a ogan, that unless one is a "winner," he is a sinner!" When we are feeling smug and elf-satisfied; disdainful of our fellows who o not think as we do; when we are proud nd haughty and superior, let us remember at everything we have is the gift of God nd is to be shared for his honour and glory.

The piano and the violin may give us some slight vision of a generous spirit, but they will not give us the power with which to fulfill our Lord's command: "Give all that thou hast, and follow me!"

The third Joyful Mystery is the Fact of the Nativity of our Bressed Lord in the manger of Bethlehem. "The Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us." "That holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God," was the Angel's promise to Our Lady. "God of God . . . very God of very God," we profess Him to be in the historic Creed of Nicea. We believe that God is everywhere; if He is everywhere, He must be somewhere: unless He is somewhere, He is nowhere. The "somewhere" to find Him is in the manger of Bethlehem, in the God-man, Jesus, as He trod through the land we call Holy, in the Church of His ordaining. and in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, which is the extension of His Incarnate life. When I am doubtful of the reality of God; when I long for some evidence of His objectivity; when I am fearful of the subjectiveness of my hold upon Him, then I take out my Beads, and with the obligato of Bethlehem in my mind, the Pater Noster, the 10 Aves, and the Gloria Patria deep in my heart, I am reassured of His reality, not in any imaginary sense, but with the full realization of His present objectivity in the world of today. The organ and the cello will move my sensitivities and arouse my imagination, but with my Beads in my hand, and kneeling before the Tabernacle of Reservation in the Church. I will be assured that our God is a living God, a God that is real, that I can love, not as I love music or the arts, but as I love a Person.

And the fourth Mystery that we call Joyful is the fact of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple. Our Lady who was utterly without any sin, subjects herself to the requirements of the law, and is purified. She who is absolute purity, suffers herself to this perfect obedience. And Jesus, who is the eternal Son of God, and the Second Person of the Most Adorable Trinity, is according to an earthly law, "presented" to his Heav-

enly Father. Is there anywhere in secular history such an example of obedience? There was no need for her purification, there was no need for His presentation; but they were obedient in all things unto God, for they were disciplined both in body and soul for the glory of Heaven. How we dislike discipline; how reluctant we are to obey the law; how we rebel against the minimum demands of the Precepts of the Church; we want to be free, we want to use our own judgment, we do not want to bend our will to another's.

Sacrament. Obedience to the will of Go and conformity to the law of the Church one of the first requirements of a Christian I-use the Sacraments of the Church, not because I think I need them, but because Go tells me that I do. I conform, not necessaril because I like to, but because I want to be an obedient child of God. The musician when changes Bach and Beethoven and Brahm as he goes along is a poor musician indeed he must follow the score as the master has written it. So it is a mighty poor Christian



Why should I be Confirmed? we say; because the Apostles asked, Have ye received the Holy Ghost? Why should I go to Mass on Sunday? Can I not worship God anywhere, and in my own way? Because our Lord said: Do this for the recalling of me. Why should I go to Confession? My sins are not bad; I know lots of people who do not use the Sacrament of Penance; why should I go? You must go to Confession because it is a God-given and a God-required

who interprets for himself his religion as I goes along in life. Obedience is the key no of the fourth Fact in the Joyful Mysteric

The fifth and the last Fact in the Joyf Mysteries is the Finding of Jesus in the Temple. When S. Mary and S. Joseph we returning from Jerusalem after the feather they lost Jesus in the crowd. Jesus did not lose them, they lost Jesus. Jesus does not lose us, we lose Jesus. It seems incredit that S. Mary and S. Joseph should have lose them.

sus, but they did. Knowing our weaksses and our frailties, it does not seem Tange that we should lose Him. Where is r enthusiasm and zeal we felt on the day our Confirmation? Lost? Where is the Bety and devotion we felt when we received bly Communion for the first time? Lost? there is the assurance and the gratefulness absolution that was so evident in us after Ar first Confession? Lost? There is no rifiritual loss that cannot be recovered. Seek Isus in His temple, the Church, and you will over through Him your lost enthusiasms d your lost devotion and your lost sense of e power of the Sacraments. The organist the classic poem never recovered the "lost ord;" he searched for it upon the keyboard, it he never struck it again. The link that ands us to our Lord may be lost temporarily, it it can always be regained if we want to gain it. We know where to find Him whom e have lost; He is waiting for us to return Him: When we separate ourselves from im there is no bell of warning that rings in ir ears. We may go on for a long time supposing" we are with Him, and then sudenly realize that we have lost Him, are no

longer with Him. But when you do realize it, do not waste your time trying to find Him in the pleasures and distractions of life, but go to Him where you know He is—in His Church, in His Sacraments, in the comfort of His Holy Word. There you will find Him again and all else you may have lost. With His forgiveness will be restored your old zeal and earnestness, your old feelings of piety and devotion, and the assurance of your life in Him. When you feel alone and adrift and abandoned, it is because you have lost your Lord. Seek Him out, and your sorrow will be turned into joy, as it was with S. Mary and S. Joseph when they found Jesus in the temple. (To be continued)

Some good people prefer to say the following prayer on the sets of ten beads:

Jesus, my Lord, I Thee adore; Oh, make me love Thee more and more.

That leaves the Hail Mary for three of the introductory beads. Surely no Catholic-minded believer will want to say less than that to Christ's Mother.

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Mystics And Mysticism

VI. The Cloud of Unknowing and Revelations of Divine Love

BY DOLLY REITZ

The Cloud of Unknowing and Revelations of Divine Love are the titles of two documents written in England in the latter part of the fourteenth century. Original or at least very early manuscripts of both are preserved in the British Museum—and versions for modern readers edited from the Middle English of the early texts have been reprinted as recently as 1952 and 1953. These late editions would seem to indicate that, after almost six hundred years, there is still some demand for these titles from a reading public.

If it were a matter of fourteenth century literature or art this would not seem surprising, for modern editions and reproductions of these are still meaningful. But the Cloud and the Revelations are both, in a sense, manuals of instructions, and it would seem almost incredible that how-to-do-it books written six hundred years ago, might still be useful. It would, for instance, be unlikely to expect that young naval officers in training today would find Chaucer's Treatise on the Astrolabe valuable—except perhaps as a bit of quaint scientific lore. However, the Cloud and the Revelations are books of instruction concerning that most difficult art, the growth and practice of the spiritual life; what it is and how it is attained.

In this realm, what was known in the four-teenth century is perhaps not only not obsolete, but as up-to-date as anything written since. Our information concerning navigation, astronomy, medicine, and indeed the whole of the physical universe has accrued enormously, but in spite of the extraordinary insights into the human psyche of Dr. Freud and his followers, it would seem that the advances in our information concerning the obscure well-springs of human power, behavior, and control can only be described as slight.

The Cloud of Unknowing, according to the best scholarly guesses, was probably writted during the last quarter of the fourteenth century. Its author is unknown, but judging from the work itself it is believed that he was a priest and a theologian with a special interest in mystical theology. He says himself in Chapter 70 of his book that the Cloud derives chiefly from that short, germinal treatise known to Christendom from about 500 A.D. called simply Mystical Theology and written by an unknown author who chose the call himself 'Dionysius the Areopagite.' Indeed, the Cloud is a long commentary upon this brief, older treatise.

The Cloud of Unknowing is a book corrected with certain techniques, as far as they have been discovered and are capable of being practiced by man, for attaining union with the divine. And although Father Augustine Baker, sitting down in 1629 to write an introduction and commentary to the Cloud, claims that this book was written for 'ordinary people,' he must have meant the ordinary religious, for it seems to have been intended for those already long practiced in observance, prayer, and meditation.

Indeed, it begins where these leave off; it a quieting of the busy intellect and imagination; in a 'naked intent of the will... heaving itself bluntly and blindly' into a state of attentive ignorance—into 'the cloud of unknowing,' where, if grace is granted, 'sharp dart of longing love' may pierothrough the cloud to the luminous darkness beyond. It is an ultimate technique, a finaskill, concerned not with performance busyith that greater passiveness which is an invitation to God.

Revelations of Divine Love was written of dictated by one Lady Julian of Norwich, a anchoress. She tells us that on the 8th day

May, in the year 1373, when she was firty and a half years old, and while suffering an illness, she received a series of divine element of velations or 'shewings,' as she referred to tem, revealing to her the nature of the relitionship between God and man.

Though she says of herself that she 'could b letter,' and though her book is clearly a record of an apocalyptic experience—both of hich facts would seem to indicate that here. anywhere, is an example of an isolated, nique piece of literature, yet she reveals a hind well stored with the doctrinal riches nd symbols of the medieval church—a mind hich had, nevertheless, challenged and rappled boldly and at length with some of s tenets. This quality of scepticism and inellectual vigor is reassuring to modern eaders and perhaps tends to make possible ur serious consideration of the main burden f her revelation—that God is, first of all, xtant, both immanent and transcendent, and econd, eternally loving and forgiving.

For us—who are so helplessly exposed to inter-galactic space, to the frightening obysses of human nature, and to the possession of more power than we can trust ourselves to deal with or our little planet to withstand, Julian's revelations offer a straw to clutch at, and her teaching, like that of all the mystics, offers discipline and grace as the means, and salvation as the hope. Not a theological salvation, for the individual soul only, described by allegory, though this has its own validity, but, for us, the actual salvation and preservation of the actual earth and actual human kind.

For she says in the final passage of her extraordinary account, as the conclusion of all that she had learned in her long life of utter self-abandonment and search after God:

'I was answered in ghostly understanding, saying thus: "Woulds't thou witten thy Lord's meaning in this thing: Wit it well: Love was His meaning.

"Hold thee therein and thou shalt witten and know more in the same. But thou shalt never know nor witten therein other thing withouten end." Thus was I learned that Love was our Lord's meaning.

'And I saw full surely in this and in all, that ere God made us He loved us; which love was never slacked nor ever shall be. And in this love He hath done all this works; and in this love He hath made all things profitable to us; and in this love our life is everlasting. In our making we had beginning; but the love wherein He made us was in Him from without beginning: in which love we have our beginning. And all this shall we see in God, without end. Which may Jesus grant us. Amen.'

If this is what a gifted seeker of reality issues as a final statement abut the nature of man and the universe—that is, if man actually has been cherished and nurtured by love, then perhaps we might infer that he is therefore capable, if he wills strongly enough, to submit to the discipline, of himself becoming cherishing and nourishing of his kind and his universe, capable of refusing to use power for destructive purposes.

It may be useful to place these two near-contemporary books side by side, and, for our own illumination, ask some questions about them. What notions have they in common? What assumptions do they make? Are they at variance in any essential matters? What metaphors do they employ?

Perhaps Father Augustine Baker, who wrote the first known introduction and commentary for the *Cloud* in 1629, and who was conversant with the bulk of literature then extant regarding the contemplative life, can provide us with a basis for comparison. He says of this literature: '. . . there is a great variety of these works and many degrees in them, and in divers manners do souls exercise them. Yet for all that, they all of them agree in certain points, and therein are all alike.

'And first they agree in this: that all that the soul doth is by the will . . . The will is

[&]quot;Who shewed it thee? Love.

[&]quot;What shewed He thee? Love.

[&]quot;Wherefore shewed it He? For Love.

the guide and captain, and the understanding doth but attend the will, going whither he goes and following him.

'Secondly, the understanding so accompanying the will is to carry with it no images or species of created things... She is to cast all images out of doors, and to keep them out . . .

'Thirdly, . . . all those several kinds and varieties of aspirations and elevations that are treated of in the *Cloud* do agree in this: that they proceed not merely from the man's own head, will, or election, but from the divine interior motion, intimation and instruction.

'They also agree in this; that they tend and intend God for himself, and not for the party's own advantage.'

Four points of agreement, then: will, as the most important human factor; the quieting of our usual conceptual processes until a state of imagelessness is attained; importance of the 'divine, interior motion,' or working of grace; and the search for God only—though it may lead to martyrdom—and not for any secondary benefits. There is to be no bookkeeping or bargaining with God.

Regarding the will, our author of the Cloud says, 'Such a good will is the substance of all perfection. All sweetness and comforts, bodily or ghostly, be to this but as it were accidents, be they never so holy; and they do but hang on this good will... And surely I trow that he that feeleth the perfection of this will (as it may be had here) there may no sweetness and no comfort happen to any man in this life, but he is as fain and as glad to lack it at God's will as to feel it and have it.'

And Julian, on the same point: 'It is God's will that we have three things in our seeking: the first is that we seek wilfully and busily, without sloth, as it may be through His grace, gladly and merrily without unskillful heaviness and vain sorrow . . .'

The loss or weakening of the will seems

grievous to her as she indicates, when in the fifteenth Revelation concerning the love of God for man's soul and the supreme joy of union with him, she says, 'Thou shalt never more have pain: no manner of sickness, no manner of misliking, no wanting of will . . .

Though the will may depend originally upon the movement of grace, the time will come when it will be required to function or its own, without emotion or priming or sweet motivation. 'Pray inwardly,' says Julian' though thee thinketh it saviour thee not: for it is profitable, though thou feel it not, though thou see naught; yea, though thou think thou mayst naught. For in dryness and in barrenness, in sickness and in feebleness, then is thy prayer well-pleasant to God, though thee thinketh it savour thee naught but little. God accepteth the good-will and the travail of his servant, howsoever we feel.'

Father Baker's second point, that the mystics usually agree to 'cast all images out of doors and keep them out,' may be voluminously supported from the Cloud, as this is its chief theme, indicated by the sentence from Dionysius quoted by our author: 'The most godly knowing of God is that which is known by unknowing.' He emphasizes the difference between reason and will, knowing and loving. For 'love may reach to God in this' life, but not knowing . . . I would leave all that thing that I can think, and choose to my love that thing that I cannot think. For he may well be loved, but not thought. By love may he be gotten and holden; but by thought neither.' He gives explicit directions for the control of the disciple's distracting thoughts. and it becomes clear that the process which leads to abstraction from sense and sensible things is a negative one, the road to be traveled the ancient via negativa.

It is surprising that Julian, whose revelations occured by means of images, should also advocate as desirable an imageless state of mind. But she says, nevertheless, 'It needeth us to have knowing of the littleness of creatures and to naughten all thing that is made, for to love and have God that is unmade . . . And in that time the custom of our praying was brought to mind; how we use

. lack of understanding and knowing of ve, to make many means . . . for all these ve waste and wear away, but the Goodness God is ever whole and more near to us thout any likeness . . .

Concerning the relationship of divine grace the human will, the author of the Cloud s this to say: 'Forasmuch as thou willest had desirest it, so much hast thou of it, and more and no less: and yet is it no will, Ir desire, but a thing thou knowest never at, that stirreth thee to will and desire bu knowest never what . . . Let that thing with thee and lead thee wheresoever it lleth. Let it be the worker, and thou but sufferer; do but look upon it and let it one. Meddle thee not therewith as though ou wouldst help it, for dread lest thou spill Be thou but the tree, and let it be the rpenter; be thou but the house, and let it the husband dwelling therein.'

Here is Julian on grace: 'Grace is a woripful property which belongeth to the royal ordship of love. And grace worketh; raising, rewarding, and endlessly overpassing that which our longing and our travail deserveth, spreading abroad and shewing the high plenteous largesse of God's royal Lordship in his marvellous courtesy; and this is of the abundance of love. For grace worketh our dreadful failing into plenteous, endless solace; and grace worketh our shameful falling into high, worshipful rising; and grace worketh our sorrowful dying into holy, blissful life.'

Our two mystics, like Father Baker's others also 'agree in this;' that they tend and intend God for himself and not for the party's own advantage.

Julian says; 'God, of thy Goodness, give me thyself: for thou art enough to me, and I may nothing ask that is less, that may be full worship to thee; and if I ask anything that is less, ever me wanteth,—but only in thee I have all.' And the author of the *Cloud*: 'Lift up thine heart unto God with a meek stirring of love; and mean himself and none of his goods.'



So much for the main points in which the *Revelations* and the *Cloud* offer each other corroboration. What are the main assumptions out of which our two authors write their books?

The assumptions would seem to be that God and man are mutually searching for each other; that it is possible both to know and do the will of God, however imperfectly; and that so to perceive and perform is man's reason for being, the end for which he was created, and his joy.

The *Cloud* is concerned to make these matters explicit, as far as they are capable of being made so; to point down the negative way to union and bliss. The writing is expert, simple and homely, and the author a man of charm as well as profundity. One retains an impression of clarity and purity after reading *The Cloud of Unknowing*.

Not so with Julian. The *Revelations* are full of emotion, full of images, full of comfort and reassurance and tenderness. This is not the negative way, but the great plus, the great positive, the embarrassment of riches that lie at the end of that famous road.

Julian's book is the book of a woman. She uses womanly metaphors and phrases. She brings us the good news that we can all feel at home. That we are at home, no matter how deserted, how desolate we may appear. That we are loved unconditionally, welcomed, sought after. Like a good mother and housewife she thinks in terms of clothing: 'I saw that he is to us everything that is good and comfortable for us. He is our clothing that for love-wrappeth us, claspeth us, and all becloseth us for tender love, that he may never leave us; being to us all thing that is good, as to mine understanding.'

She thinks also in terms of rest: 'For this is the cause why we be not all in ease of heart and soul; that we seek here rest in those things that be so little, wherein is no rest, and know not our God that is almighty, All-wise, All-good. For he is the Very Rest.'

She thinks in terms of comfort for 'all hereven-Christians:' 'And of all the sight it was most comfort to me that our God and Lord that is so reverend and dreadful, is so homely and courteous: and this most fulfilled may with comfort and secureness of soul.'

Again, like a good mother and hostess, shifthinks in terms of happy gatherings and parties: 'Mine understanding was lifted up into heaven where I saw our Lord as a Lord in his own house, who hath called all his dear worthy servants and friends to a solemn feast. Then I saw the Lord take no place in his own house, but I saw him royally reight in his house, fulfilling it with joy and mirth, himself endlessly to gladden and to solace his dearworthy friends, full homely and full courteously, with marvellous melody of encoless love, in his own fair blessed countenance.

And again and always again she brings messages of comfort: 'And with this own good Lord said full blissfully: "Lo, how that I loved thee," as if he had said: "My darling behold and see thy Lord, thy God that is the Maker and thine endless joy, see what liking and bliss I have in thy salvation: and for my love enjoy now with me." This shewed our good Lord for to make us glad and merry!

And finally, through this blessed Julian, chosen for the ordeal and the joy of revelation, comes a positive promise: 'But Jesus, who in this Vision informed me of all that me needeth, answered by this word and said: "It behoved that there should be sin, but all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well." Amen, Jesu, amen.

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Meditate While You Drive

Some readers may find it useful to cut out and use the meditation below, on a long drive, while driving carefully — Ed.

Think about it in God's presence

Do the same with the next

Finish by saying the prayer at the last

he Lord's Day—The first day of the week to called SUNDAY—He is SUN of rightvisness (Malachi 4:2)

GHT—'Let there be light'—The start of creation.

Realize and thank God for the beauty of eated light . . . And God is Light (1 John .5), The Light which lighteth every man at cometh into the world (John 1:9)

So the Lord's Day hails God the Father ho made all things by the Word, His Son, ho is also Light and the Maker of Light

IFE—Upon the first day of the week . . .

Yhy seek ye the living among the dead?

(Luke 24:1-5)

'Every sunday is a little Easter'
'Sons of the Living God' (Hosea 1:10)
Our worship declares, renews, our Sonship

So the Lord's Day hails God the Father and God the Son—Christ, by Whose Resurrection we rise to new life

LOVE—'The day of Pentecost . . . There came . . . the Holy Ghost' (Acts 2:1-4)

'O Love Divine' (Hymn 376)

'God is Love' (I John 4:8)

'He is the Love between the Father and the Son'

'He is the Love joining God and Man'
—St. Augustine

And by His Love we have Love

So the Lord's Day hails the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost

So Light, Life, and Love have their weekly memorial on the Lord's Day, the first day of the week

So each Sunday recalls creation's start, Easter, and Pentecost

O Lord, My Light, My Life, and My Love, Let Me Hold Fast to Thee Every Day! AMEN.



Priests! - Seminarists!

There will be a retreat for priests, at the Jother House, West Park, beginning on Jonday evening, September 29th and closing riday morning, October 3rd. All priests to welcome and should address requests to

the Guest Master, Order of the Holy Cross, West Park, N. Y.

There will also be a retreat for seminarists, September 15th-19th. Requests should also be sent to the Guest Master.

Book Reviews



BY SYDNEY J. ATKINSON, O.H.C.

THINKING OF ROME? THINK TWICE! by H. R. Alley. (United Church Publishing House: Toronto, 1958) pp. 68. Paper. 50¢.

Back in the September 1956 issue of the *Holy Cross Magazine* we printed reviews of various books which deal with the Anglican-Roman question. Here is another fine bit of ammunition to be added to that arsenal.

Col. Alley is a layman of the Anglican Church of Canada and says right at the beginning that he is not writing as a theologian. However, he does lay claim to being something of an amateur historian. It is from this standpoint that he carefully examines (and shreds) a booklet called THE POPE IS INFALLIBLE put out by the Paulist Fathers.

As Alley says, if you receive a brochure from a mining company, you might not know much about geology, but, if you do detect wrong statements as to facts you do know, you would hesitate before sinking your money into the shares of said mining company! This is his approach to the Roman claims and I am sure you will find it most illuminating.

Part III, Thinking It Over, deals with that very difficult phenomenon, the Roman mind. He substantiates his claims by quotations from history, letters and Roman Canons in an appendix.

Col. Alley is very cunning: he has a warning printed on the back of the title page which tells Romanists just what dire penalties will fall on them by Roman Canon 1399 if they read his booklet or keep it in their possession. I wish we had some way of finding out what the effect will be on R.C.'s who see this! The Holy Cross Press will stock this booklet.

THIS IS CONVERSION, by Joost De Bland (Morehouse-Gorham: New York, 1958) pp. 63. Cloth. \$1.25.

While I was in the process of reading the book I had the privilege of attending a dimer and meeting given in honor of Archibishop De Blank by the *Episcopal Church men for South Africa*. One has to be in hip presence only a short time to realize that while he is a short man, he is a giant. He eyes are dark and flashing, ready to laug's but they can also penetrate. His writing a like that too.

This book is badly needed to straighter out our thinking on the whole matter of gravand on the relation between baptism and conversion.

Nor does he limit himself to the individual: Chapter 7 deals with the Conversion of Society. Here is a quotation from that chapter 1.



ter: "Nobody is entitled to the name of Christian who is not eager to introduce his fellow-beings to the Saviour he has found And nobody is entitled to the name of Christian who does not work to create a state of affairs where men can live in amity and mutual service within a society so ordered that

the frica—and for America.

Le Will And The Way, A Study of Dile Providence and Vocation, by Harry finites. (Macmillan: New York, 1957) 128. Cloth.

Harry Blamires has become something of irophet in modern times. His writings are the thing and timely. Both this volume and ME KIRKBRIDE CONVERSATIONS, (ich we reviewed recently, are *Episcopal Yok Club* selections. (This book came out t, but we got our reading mixed up!)

if he present volume is not such easy readas some of Blamires' other books, but he important things to say and they repay eful study. His dealing with modern asure-mindedness and the place of sufferin the "pattern of God's way" is most bught-provoking. For example: "Have we sensed a deeper peace, even a deeper joy, the bed of pain than on the bed of sloth the bed of lust?"

The last two chapters on "Personal Vocion" and "Obedience and Joy" are forceto, both as to style and content.

NGLICANISM AND EPISCOPAC!. A Rekamination of the Evidence, by A. L. Peck. Morehouse-Gorham: New York, 1958) pp. 4. Cloth. \$4.00.

The evidence referred to in the sub-title is be found in Professor Norman Sykes' ok Old Priest and New Presbyter, which is published by Cambridge in 1956. This ok is another link in the chain of controrsy which has been raging on the subject Anglican beliefs in Holy Order. In 1955 group of scholars at Cambridge brought to a volume entitled The Historic Episcote, aimed mainly against The Apostolic



Ministry which Dr. Kenneth Kirk, Bishop of Oxford, had edited some ten years before. Wishing to defend neither extreme of esse¹ or bene esse2, the contributors to The Historic Episcopate came out with a new theory which they called *plene esse*³. Dr. Peck, the author of our current book, produced an able critique of this new idea (see our review of THIS CHURCH OF CHRIST in the January 1956 issue of the Holy Cross Magasine) but, even so, it has found favor in some quarters (see review below of Dr. Pittenger's book). Not least amongst these plene esse protagonists has been the able Church of England historian, Professor Norman Sykes.

Now Dr. Peck subjects Sykes' Old Priest and New Presbyter to a thorough scrutiny, using Sykes' own evidence (although sometimes expanding that evidence when quotations have been taken out of context).

For those who wish to keep abreast in this important controversy, especially with South India and our own General Convention looming over us, this book is essential.

- 1. Bishops are necessary. 2. They are fine to have.
- 3. They complete the picture.

THE CHURCH, THE MINISTRY, AND RE-UNION, by W. Norman Pittenger. (Seabury: Greenwich, 1957) pp. 147. Paper. \$2.75. This book, too, is a must for those who are seriously studying all the ramifications of unity. Dr. Pittenger, as usual, writes clearly and directly. As we have said before, he always analyzes problems and conditions with deep insight and charity.

Usually we find we have to take issue with his treatment. As indicated in the preceding review, Dr. Pittenger is of the *plene esse* school and, of course, we prescribe Dr. Peck's book as an antidote.

It is always disappointing in reading one of Dr. Pittenger's books to find oneself going along with the argument in thorough agreement and then to find oneself being thrown for a theological loop. For instance, on page 34, he says, "Thus Jesus was defined in the familiar terms as 'very God of the substance of the Father; very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary His Mother.' This central Christological affirmation carried with it the whole trinitarian faith in God and His works amongst men, as later development was to demonstrate. It involved also a

set of beliefs about the nature of the worl in which men lived, the nature of the me whom God had created and whom He wille to redeem, and the ultimate destiny of me and the final goal of the created order und God's governance." All this makes a fine if troduction for a development of the Sacri mental principle, especially as applicable the Ministry. But then on the next page 1 undermines the whole thing by this state ment: "Even if we think (as we must) thl the classical definitions are inadequate, in perfect, and in some respects mistaken, the total movement which led to them can 1 seen as necessary and right; and that move ment provides the starting place for any re statement of the meaning of Christ in terri more congenial to our own age." (Itali) mine.) It is going to be very hard for the Church to come to a common mind about South India or any other major problem, i some contemporaries, with all the wisdom the 20th century (including Bethune Bas er!) behind them, must decide that ou credal formularies are mistaken (even if orr "in some respects").

All Associates!

To make it more possible for members of the Order to get in touch with lay and clerical associates as they stop for speaking engagements in various parts of the country, lists are being prepared of Holy Cross Family members according to localities.

This means that the Father or Brother will, as time allows, look for contacts with Associates. Obviously he will be more able to do this in Pugwash, Nova Scotia than in Chicago, Illinois.

Associates should (of course) read the HOLY CROSS MAGAZINE so as to know when and where to expect us to ap-

pear, should try to attend the activities for which we are sent, making themselve known, or should leave a message telling of they wish a call made on them.



The Order Of The Holy Cross

West Park Notes

August was a busy and happy month at imother house. Conferences on the works welfare of the Order followed the close the Long Retreat and kept us talking unthe Annual Chapter, August 4th.

Retreats resumed for guests: 8-10th, C. C. and C.L.G., conducted by Fr. Hawkins; olytes from Westwood, N. J., conducted Br. Michael; Brotherhood of St. Andrew mbers from Harrison, N. Y., conducted Fr. Baldwin. Boy members of the Y.P.F. Bristol, Conn. made an overnight pilgrime under the guidance of Br. Paul.

The southern and western brethren scated fast for St. Andrew's and Santa Barra on the early morning of August 5th.

"Operation Big Move," right after Chap-; involved moving the Novitiate from the use built in 1922 to the main building, and tking the newer structure, plus the garder's cottage, into guest quarters.

The Father Superior took appointments St. Helena's, Newburgh: 28th, Renewal Vows and Chapter; 30-Sept 1st, Conferce on the Religious Life.

Fr. Atkinson flew to Liberia, August 30th.

Fr. Taylor took his place as Asst. Survivor and Novice Master.

Bishop Campbell celebrated and confirmed Holy Cross, Kingston, N. Y., on the ransfiguration, August 6th. He visited the arish at Southport, Conn., for services and ermon on the 17th

Fr. Harris took over supply duties at St. Iary's-in-the-Fields, Valhalla from the 6th brough Sept. 6th, continuing his work at ing Sing.

Fr. Terry, called to California for another erious and dangerous operation on his ther (the sixteenth major one in eleven ears), got back just in time for Chapter, ankful over the course of events. He con-

ducted (and made his own) Long Retreat for the Sisters. Then he went to Ottawa for a clergy conference over Labor Day weekend.

Fr. Bessom spoke for religious orders at the convention of Episcopal Young Churchmen, Oberlin College, Ohio, August 20-27; he helped at the Newburgh conference.

The Novices Brothers Charles and Francis conducted a Vacation School for the children of the West Park Parish.

September engagements show the faster pace of Church work.

The Fr. Superior attends meetings of the American Church Union on the 16th and of the Advisory Council for the Religious Life on the 30th, both in New York City.

Bishop Campbell conducts the Clergy Retreat at Keuka, N. Y., 2-4th. He will confirm at Trinity, Mount Vernon on the 28th. He goes to Ashville, N. C., for retreats beginning the 30th.

Fr. Baldwin conducts a clergy conference at Downsville, N. Y., and a Parochial Mission at St. Thomas' Church, New Haven, Conn., 14-21st.

Fr. Terry will be at the Ottawa conference 1-2nd; will give a retreat for members of the Girls' Friendly Society at Canaan, Conn., the 6th; and will have a School of Prayer at St. Bede's Church, Syosset, Long Island, 26-30th.

Br. Michael has a conference at St. Joseph's Church, Queens Village on the 22nd.

Br. Paul will conduct a Quiet Day at Trinity Church, Saugerties, the 7th.



The Order of Saint Helena

Newburgh Notes

For some of the novices, gardening is a very new occupation. There certainly is not too much difficulty involved in weeding and getting rid of insects, but what if one is told to gather vegetables and does not know what is what? A novice, who was asked to cut some ripe squashes and cucumbers, brought a whole load of baby watermelons and winter squash — in July!

It was good to have the Sisters from Kentucky with us again, if only for a short period. They arrived on August 12th but left shortly after Long Retreat. They had an added treat this year in being able to witness the clothing of a Novice on August 27th.

This month starts, as we have mentioned before, with the Conference on the Religious Life over the Labor Day weekend. Fifteen young women have signed up for it, and w were sorry to have to turn down other in quirers. There will be two Quiet Days, on for the Hudson-Ramapo Women's Auxili ary Executive Board on the 9th, and one fd the Altar Guild of St. Peter's, Peekskill of the 10th. Sister Josephine and Sister Clan will attend a Vocational program on Septem ber 22nd at St. Joseph's, Oueens Village L. I., and also will speak to a young laymen's group on Long Island. Sister Josephine and Sister Mary Florence will attend the Conference on the Religious Life in New York on September 30 to October 1.



NOVICES ON VACATION

Versailles Notes

Sister Marianne writes that we may leave out Versailles this time—nothing happening of any importance. Some Sisters are doing graduate work, some get holidays, all journey to Newburgh for the annual retreat. They seem not to find themselves very impressive this summer.

The writer found them very impressive in early July during the annual retreats they

put on for their associates and friends. He was amazed at the loyalty and interest in the Sisters and their retreats. People came from a great stretch of country, Chicago to New Orleans. The summer doings of the staff, the stopping in of alumnae, the enthusiastic use of the swimming pool and athletic facilities by young Versailles people—altogethed no drowsy picture—made items that should not be left out.

An Ordo of Worship and Intercession Sept. -- Oct. -- 1958

- 6 St Cyprian BM Double R gl col 2) Edward Bouverie Pusey C-for the reunion of the Church
- 7 Ember Wednesday V-for all to be ordained to the diaconate
- 8 Thursday G Mass of Trinity xv-for the Confraternity of the Love of God
- 9 Ember Friday V col 2) St Theodore of Tarsus BC-for all to be ordained to the priesthood
- 20 Ember Saturday V-for all to be consecrated
- 21 St Matthew Apostle and Evangelist Double II Cl R gl col 2) Trinity xvi cr pref of Apostles—for the conversion of the heathen and pagan
- 22 St Maurice and Companions MM Simple R gl for the Confraternity of the Christian Life
- 23 Tuesday G Mass of Trinity xvi -for the Oblates of Mount Calvary
- 24 Wednesday G Mass of Trinity xvi-for faithfulness in the wise use of God's grace
- 25 Lancelot Andrewes BC Simple W gl-for perseverence for all converts
- 26 Friday G Mass of Trinity xvi -for the faithful departed
- 27 Of St Mary Simple W gl col 2) SS Cosmas and Damian MM pref BVM (Veneration)—for doctors nurses and orderlies
- 28 17th Sunday after Trinity Double G gl col 2) St Wenceslaus M cr pref of Trinity—for the Order of St Anne
- 29 St Michael and All Angels Double I Cl W gl cr-for greater devotion to the Holy Angels
- 30 St Jerome CD Double W gl cr-for all missionaries

October 1 St Remigius BC Simple W gl-for the Order of St Helena

- 2 Holy Guardian Angels Gr Double W gl cr-for the homeless and orphans
- 3 St Therese of Lisieux V Double W gl-for the Companions of the Order of the Holy Cross
- 4 St Francis of Assisi C Gr Double W gl-forthe Order of St Francis
- 5 18th Sunday after Trinity Double G gl col 2) St Placidus and Companions MM cr pref of Trinity—for all contemplatives
- 6 St Bruno C Double W gl col 2) St Faith V-for all who perform acts of mercy
- 7 Tuesday G Mass of Trinity xviii-for more love and charity among Christians
- 8 Wednesday G as on October 7-for the Church in India
- 9 SS Denys B and Rusticus and Eleutherius MM Simple R g1-for the Priests Associate
- 10 Friday G as on October 7-for the afflicted and dying
- 11 Of St Mary Simple W gl pref BVM (Veneration)-for the Community of St Mary
- 12 19th Sunday after Trinity Double G gl cr pref of Trinity-for all who administer the Sacraments
- 13 St Edward KC Simple W gl-for the Seminarists Associate
- 14 Tuesday G Mass of Trinity xix-for more vocations to the religious life
- 15 St Teresa of Avila V Double W gl-for the mentally deranged
- 16 Thursday G as on October 14—for the peace of the world

NOTE: On the days indicated in italics ordinary votive and requiem Masses may be said.

... Press Notes ...

I hope you will read the back cover next! I say this because I have been told by many persons that Press Notes are the first thing read in a new issue. (Like looking at the comic page in the newspaper first and then turning to the news section). Everything on the back page is news for you.

"That Word Catholic" is reprinted from the Magazine. It should be a very popular tract.

"Your Bounden Duty"—(The Discipline of the Episcopal Church) is an excellent presentation of the Catechism question and answer. You will know your bounden duty after reading it—and try to follow the plans suggested by the author.

"Within the Green Wall' is the much looked-for book by Bishop Campbell, o.H.C., giving the "Story of the Holy Cross Liberian Mission." The number of pages might give the impression it is too long — but! — once you start reading it you will not want to put it down. I think he omitted very little that has happened there in those 35 years. It is certainly far from a "dry as dust" report. Everyone who has helped in the work should read what has been done and is being done there now.

These notes were made during the "lon retreat of the Order." As usual the Condu tor is reading a pertinent book at meals. W all sit and eat, looking down at our plate and the reader goes on and on. Sometime it is difficult to keep the mind on the text sometimes a phrase or sentence sends the mind off on a tangent perhaps not a bit re lated to the subject,—you know, some que connection or thought comes into the minu One day we were listening to the story the founding of a religious Order and how that Order made changes in the people various countries (or something like that) when something in a sentence sounded lill "four bears." Off went the mind with the and I was trying to figure out how four bea; got mixed up with the descendants of the monkey. Just then the familiar rap on the table sounded the close of the meal and think I was left hanging in space (by the tal or paw?) Anyway, it is a job to keep the mind on one track, even in a retreat. Don ask what the reactions of the others were for I surely kept my eyes cast down as the filed out of the Refectory for the visit to the Blessed Sacrament to return thanks to God INFORMATION WANTED. Who has recently moved into Apartment #7, 1931 N W. 29th St., Portland, Oregon. We would like to know the name. (Sounds like Win chell's column but don't worry he will no get in on the information).

